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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Prices on slaughter steers and heifers declined for the second consecutive week. Slaughter steers sold generally steady to 50¢ lower at most midwest terminals; heifers steady to 50¢ lower, except steady to 50¢ higher at Omaha and Kansas City. Cows were uneven, but closed generally steady to 50¢ lower. Stockers and feeders were steady to \$1.00 lower. Barrows and gilts sold steady to 50¢ lower at most points. Sows found broad outlets and closed 25-75¢ higher. Slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ higher.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steer and heifer prices declined for the second consecutive week even though receipts of 192,000 head at the 12 markets were 9 percent less than the previous week and the smallest for any full marketing week since April, 1960. A 50¢-\$1.00 lower trend on carcass steer beef at major wholesale centers was a bearish factor in the live trade. Recent snowstorms along the Eastern Seaboard hampered the distribution of meat products narrowing the demand for beef in that major consuming area and this contributed to the lower trend at some points. Slaughter steers sold generally steady to 50¢ lower. Weights over 1150# underwent the greatest price decline with several terminals receiving a rather large percentage in this range. In Chicago Prime steers closed 50-75¢ lower under the influence of a rather large supply of that grade. Heifers were steady to 50¢ lower except steady to 50¢ higher at Omaha and Kansas City. Cows were uneven but largely steady to 50¢ lower, except strong to 50¢ higher at St. Joseph and St. Louis. Bulls were steady to 50¢ higher; vealers steady at St. Louis and \$1.00 lower at St. Paul. Slaughter steers and heifers made up the bulk of the supply at most terminals with Good and Choice grades predominating and only a limited number of high-Choice and Prime at most points. In Chicago, however, the percentage Prime continued to increase making up about 20 percent of the steer supply, against 14 percent a year earlier.

Several loads Prime 1100-1350# steers brought \$28.50-28.75 in Chicago while bulk Choice and Prime 900-1375# steers sold at \$25.25-28.25 with nothing over \$28.25 at the close of the week under review. At other terminals a few high-Choice and Prime 900-1350# brought \$27.00-27.75, bulk high-Good and Choice sold at \$24.00-26.75. Loadlots Choice and Mixed Choice and Prime 1350-1800# cashed at \$23.50-26.75 with Prime 1480# \$27.25 in Chicago. Good steers brought \$22.50-25.25. Mixed Choice and Prime heifers sold at \$26.25-26.75 with a few to \$27.25 in Chicago. Choice heifers bulked at \$24.50-26.25; Good \$21.75-24.50. Utility and

Commercial cows \$15.00-17.25; Canner and Cutter \$13.00-16.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - A narrow demand existed at terminal markets for moderate numbers of stocker and feeder cattle and calves. Recent downturns in slaughter cattle prices influenced a cautious buyer attitude and in addition adverse weather conditions in some areas had the effect of at least temporarily curtailing demand. Thus, trading was generally slow at prices unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower. At several markets scarcity proved a supporting factor and prices at those centers showed only mild weakness. However, at Sioux City and Kansas City, where supplies were more liberal than at other terminals, prices were substantially lower. At Sioux City prices were 50¢-\$1.00 lower and at Kansas City mostly 50¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off.

Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers bulked at \$22.50-25.00, few loads Choice 800-850# \$25.25-26.00. At Omaha, Choice partly fattened 1025# steers sold for further feeding at \$24.35. Medium and low-Good feeders sold from \$19.00-23.00 with some of Holstein breeding from \$17.50-19.00. Majority Good and Choice 525-750# stock steers sold from \$23.50-27.50, few Choice and Fancy 525-600# \$28.00-30.25. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought \$21.00-25.50, several loads Choice and Fancy 517-549# heifers \$26.50-27.50. Good and Choice steer calves brought \$26.00-31.50, same grades heifer calves \$22.00-27.50. Few loads Choice and Fancy heifer calves sold at \$28.00-28.25 and a lot of Choice and Fancy 481# steers reached \$33.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Marketings of hogs at the 12 markets totaled 301,000 head, an increase of 7 percent over the previous week but 15 percent less than a year earlier. Although mixed U. S. 1-3, 190-270# barrows and gilts predominated over the area, many of the western Corn Belt markets received a sizeable volume of 270-300# offerings. The average weight of barrows and gilts at the 8 markets was 233# compared 227# a year ago. Sows made up 6 to 10 percent of the supply at the various points. Demand from order buyers for barrows and gilts remained about normal in relation to recent requirements with those interests also taking a fair volume of sows. The increased receipts offset any influence a higher dressed pork trade may have had and prices on barrows and gilts worked lower. Weights under 240# showed the greatest downturn and consequently the price spread on all weights became narrower. Barrows and gilts under 240# closed 25-50¢ lower with weights over 240# steady to 25¢ off. St. Paul was the exception to the general trend, where prices closed strong to 25¢ higher. Broad demand

prevailed for the available supply of sows and prices advanced mostly 25-75¢. This was the sixth consecutive week that sows have sold higher.

On the close U. S. No. 1-2, 180-240# barrows and gilts sold at \$18.50-19.00, up to \$19.25 at a few points. However, bulk of the supply was offered and sold in mixed U. S. 1-3, 180-250# lots at \$18.25-18.75. There were several loads of U. S. 2-3, 300-360# butchers at western Corn Belt markets during the week at \$16.75-17.50. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows bulked at \$15.50-17.00, up to \$17.25 at several markets.

Prices on feeder pigs held steady at both St. Paul and Sioux City. Good and Choice 130-170# feeder pigs at Sioux City brought \$17.00-18.00. Good and Choice 130-160# at St. Paul \$17.00-17.50.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 363,000, 17 percent more than the previous week when a snow-storm late in the week curtailed receipts. Demand was fairly good on each session and prices advanced slightly. Barrows and gilts closed 15-25¢ higher; sows strong to 35¢ higher, mostly 25-35¢ up. On Friday, mixed U. S. No. 1-2 190-240# barrows and gilts brought \$18.00-18.50, few 200-220# delivered to plants \$18.75-19.00. Bulk No. 1-3 190-240# \$17.75-18.25; 240-270# \$16.85-18.00. Sows No. 1-3 270-400# \$15.25-16.25, few No. 1-2 270-300# \$16.75; No. 1-3 400-550# \$14.00-15.25.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Trading on slaughter lambs was fairly active as prices advanced under the influence of a higher dressed trade. Bulk of the supply at most points was comprised of woolled slaughter lambs and at Sioux City around 90 percent of the offerings weighed over 110#. Receipts at the 12 markets totaled 101,000 head, 12 percent more than the previous week. Slaughter lambs closed steady to 50¢ higher; slaughter ewes steady to \$1.00 higher. Feeder lambs were mostly steady.

Choice and Prime 85-115# woolled slaughter lambs closed at \$17.00-18.50 with Choice and Prime 97-112# \$18.50-19.00 at Chicago. Few lots Choice and Prime 115-125# woolled \$16.50-17.25. Bulk Good and Choice 80-115# \$16.50-17.50. Choice and Prime 89-113# shorn with No. 1 to fall shorn pelts brought \$16.25-17.50; Good and Choice \$16.00-17.00. Good and Choice 105-130# shorn lambs brought \$14.00-15.50 at Fort Worth. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes cashed at \$3.00-8.00.

Good and Choice 60-85# woolled feeder lambs sold from \$16.00-18.50; mostly Good 55-85# \$14.50-16.50. Choice 85-96# shearing lambs cashed at \$18.00-18.50 in Sioux City.

Receipts of sheep and lambs in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 35,600 head, 34 percent more than the previous week and 54 percent more than a year ago. Demand for slaughter lambs was fair on most days and prices

advanced with mild price upturns in the dressed lamb trade, a bullish factor. Slaughter lambs and slaughter ewes closed fully steady to 50¢ higher with most advance on woolled lambs.

On Friday, Choice and Prime 80-105# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants sold from \$17.00-17.50 and a moderate volume high-yielding lambs at \$17.50-18.25. Choice and Prime 105-115# woolled lambs and Good and Choice 80-110# lambs \$16.00-17.00. Choice and Prime 80-105# shorn No. 1 to fall shorn pelts \$16.00-16.50 and some fall shorn usually high-yielding lambs \$16.50-17.00; Good and Choice \$15.50-16.25. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes \$2.00-6.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was moderately active, prices steady to 50¢ lower, decline largely on steers over 1150#. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves sold mostly steady in limited price test. Slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Twelve loads Choice 900-1050# \$25.75-26.00; 264 loads high-Good and mostly Choice 900-1150# \$24.50-25.50, some for delivery up to March 15; Good and Choice 1200-1300# \$23.50-24.50; Good and Choice 950-1200# \$24.00-24.60, some for delivery up to March 30; Standard and low-Good 900-1150# \$21.00-23.75.

Slaughter heifers: Six loads Choice 800-925# \$25.00-25.50; Good to mostly Choice 700-1025# \$23.25-24.75.

Stocker and feeder cattle: In Arizona 2,200 Choice 300# steer calves of old Mexico origin \$38.50 for through February delivery. Over 4-state territory, Good and Choice 370-500# steer calves \$27.00-28.50, heifers 325-500# \$24.00-26.00; Good and Choice 650-900# feeder steers \$23.00-24.00; 150 Good 700# \$22.50. Good and Choice 515-615# feeder heifers \$22.25-24.00. For May 1 delivery, 350 Good and Choice expected 725-750# feeder steers \$24.00.

Slaughter lambs: Choice 100-112# shorn alfalfa and fed Arizona and California offerings with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$18.50-19.00; 1,100 Good and Choice 100-103# shorn \$17.50. Few loads Choice and Prime woolled Utah 105-108# \$17.50-17.75.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading direct at feedlots was slow. Slaughter steers sold mostly steady, instances 25¢ lower; heifers uneven, mostly steady. In Colorado, 146 loads Choice 1075-1275# slaughter steers \$25.75-26.25; 13 loads high-Good and Choice 1100-1325# \$24.75-25.50. Six loads average and high-Choice 1000-1100# slaughter heifers some loads carrying an

end of Prime brought \$26.00; 175 loads mostly Choice 900-1060# \$25.00-25.75, bulk \$25.25-25.65; 11 loads high-Good and Choice 925-1000# \$24.75-25.00. Four loads Utility cows around 1200# \$16.50.

Slaughter lambs sold steady to 25¢ higher. Colorado: Choice and Prime 98-112# woolled slaughter lambs \$18.00-18.25; few loads Choice 96-110# \$17.50-18.00; several loads Choice shorn lambs No. 1 and 2 pelts \$16.25-16.75; on the Western Slope several loads 100-107# \$17.00-17.50 f.o.b. Western Kansas: Few loads Choice 106-110# woolled lambs sold off wheat pastures \$17.10-17.50 with same grades shorn lambs 101-102# \$16.00. Southern Wyoming: Around 1,100 2 to 3 year old bred ewes \$19.50 each.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Over the previous weekend 14 inches of snow was received in the northern portion of the state. Trading was slow, slaughter classes closed firm; stocker and feeder cattle and calves fully steady. Five loads Choice 1075# slaughter steers \$27.00 delivered; 13 loads Good and Choice 1038-1120# \$24.00-25.50, those at \$24.00 for delivery next 45 days; 9 loads Good and Choice 926-1075# heifers \$24.50-24.80; 3 loads Standard and Good 1200# \$22.00; 12 loads Good 557-650# slaughter calves \$24.50-24.75. Three loads Good and Choice 509# stock steers \$25.50; 580 Good and Choice 500-800# steers for March-May delivery \$24.00-25.00; 150 Medium 600# feeder heifers \$20.00. Good and Choice 360-380# stock calves, steers \$29.00, heifers \$26.00; string 400# Choice steers \$32.75. For fall delivery 500 Choice 450-500# mixed, steers \$27.00, heifers \$25.00; 125 Choice 400# \$26.00 straight; 350 Good stock cows and bred heifers \$180.00-225.00 each. Trading on lambs active, slaughter lambs strong to 50¢ higher; feeders steady. Around 3,000 Good and Choice 100-103# woolled and fall shorn slaughter lambs \$15.50-17.00; band Choice 112# \$17.00 on fall shorn and \$18.00 on woolled all delivered basis; 800 Good and Choice 95# feeder lambs \$15.25.

Amarillo Area - Trading on slaughter cattle slow, steers steady; heifers weak to 50¢ lower; stockers and feeders about steady. Eleven loads Good and Choice 1025-1070# slaughter steers \$25.50-26.00; 22 loads Good and Choice 700-950# heifers \$24.00-25.00; 2 loads Cutter and Utility cows \$13.50-14.10. For up through April delivery Good and Choice 800-835# feeder steers \$24.00-25.00; Medium and Good 700-825# \$21.00-23.65; Choice 525-700# \$25.50-26.50; Good and Choice 550-600# heifers \$23.50-24.25;

Good and Choice 450-475# stock calves, steers \$26.50, heifers \$24.50; Choice 525# heifer calves \$25.00; 175 Good and Choice 450# steer calves \$30.00; 500 Good stock cows \$175.00 each; 100 Medium and Good \$15.00 per cwt.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers mostly steady in Washington, instances 50¢ lower; sales in southern Idaho 25-50¢ lower. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves sold steady to strong; slaughter lambs steady to 25¢ lower on weights 112# down, heavier weights \$1.00-2.00 lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Choice 1100-1140# \$25.00-25.50; load mostly Choice 1200# \$24.25. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 1050-1100# \$24.00-24.25 with 1200-1350# \$23.00-23.75.

Slaughter heifers: Washington and Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 850-950# \$22.50-24.00; load Good 900# \$22.25.

Stockers and feeders: Washington - Good and Choice 550-600# steers \$24.75 with string 850# \$23.25 delivered basis. Couple small lots Good and Choice 425-475# heifer calves \$23.50 24.10. Idaho - Choice 750-765# heifers \$21.75-22.50; mostly Good 2-7-year-old stock cows \$205.00 each. Oregon - Good and Choice 600-620# mixed steers \$25.00-26.50, heifers \$23.50. Choice 350# steer calves \$31.00 and string Choice mixed 400# \$25.00 straight.

Slaughter lambs: Washington and Oregon - Choice and Prime 103-110# woolled and shorn No. 1-2 pelts \$17.75-18.50 with 125# \$16.00. Idaho - Choice and Prime 105-112# woolled \$17.50-18.00, with 117# \$17.00. Choice and Prime No. 2 pelt 105# \$16.50. Northwest Montana - Choice and Prime 106# woolled \$17.25.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Limited sales both slaughter and stocker and feeder cattle and calves about steady. Trading on sheep and lambs slow, prices weak to 50¢ lower. Cattle: Montana, load Choice mixed slaughter yearlings, steers 1050# \$24.50, heifers 900# \$23.50; 400 mostly Good stock cows at farm sale in southern Montana, mostly \$200.00-215.00 each. Northern Wyoming, 225 Medium to mostly Good stock cows \$190.00 each. Calves: Montana, 150 average to high-Choice 550-600# mixed stock calves and yearlings, steers \$26.00, heifers \$24.00.

Sheep: 3,500 Good and Choice 100-115# slaughter lambs in eastern Montana \$16.00-16.50; 450 Good and Choice 2-year-old breeding ewes \$20.00 each in central Montana. Southwestern area, 1,000 Good and Choice 2-3-year-old ewes with lambs at side \$25.00 per pair for May 10 delivery.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 11	Feb. 13
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	37,685	41,467	154	164	30,278	30,944	5,908	5,855
Cincinnati	2,985	3,139	514	459	13,404	14,164	568	515
Denver	8,438	8,922	387	423	4,640	5,776	18,519	20,306
Fort Worth	4,137	5,828	903	1,839	2,163	2,398	4,669	8,187
Indianapolis	7,416	6,805	344	397	33,825	38,294	2,117	2,096
Kansas City	18,094	20,015	433	358	14,416	19,911	6,365	3,599
Oklahoma City	3,531	7,107	179	580	2,263	3,872	183	879
Omaha	34,155	35,647	353	312	38,703	40,936	16,542	11,224
St. Joseph	15,202	15,008	323	226	21,712	26,794	10,502	5,685
St. Louis NSY	14,264	14,042	1,564	1,891	55,293	68,953	6,619	5,490
Sioux City	27,671	26,257	1,174	816	33,074	39,660	10,994	12,272
S. St. Paul	18,752	20,080	7,751	7,865	51,020	61,174	17,533	13,382
Total	192,330	204,317	14,079	15,330	300,791	352,876	100,519	89,490
Feb. 4, 1961	210,261		17,486		280,684		89,799	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Feb. 11, 1961	Feb. 4, 1961	Feb. 13, 1960
Hogs	363,000	309,000	359,000
Sheep	35,600	26,600	23,100

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month	
	Feb. 9	Feb. 2	Feb. 11	Jan. 1
	1961	1961	1960	1960
Steers - 1001# up	774	1,040	542	4,209
901-1000	1,650	2,402	1,574	10,488
801-900	3,031	3,239	3,001	17,685
701-800	2,986	2,571	3,050	19,423
501-700	7,027	7,174	7,289	49,842
Total steers 10 markets	15,468	16,426	15,456	101,647
Av. wts. " " "	733#	745#	727#	724#
Av. cost* " " "	\$24.41	\$24.22	\$23.65	\$24.56
" " " Chicago	23.31	23.87	21.90	23.63
" " " Kansas City	23.72	24.19	23.48	24.29
" " " Omaha	24.22	24.21	23.40	24.82
" " " S. St. Paul	23.13	22.31	22.12	22.06
" " " Sioux City	26.19	26.08	24.99	26.19
" " " Denver	23.01	22.85	23.39	25.52
" " " Ft. Worth	25.12	23.22	24.23	23.48
" " " Oklahoma City	24.40	23.54	23.68	23.35
" " " S. St. Joseph	24.22	23.24	23.01	23.23
" " " St. Louis NSY	23.00	22.54	22.97	23.15
Total calves - 10 markets	7,485	8,265	6,545	70,092
" heifers " "	1,845	2,485	2,399	14,416
" cows " "	700	690	657	4,446

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Feb. 10, 1961	2	38	10	11	6	26	4	8	8	45	40	40	50
Feb. 3, 1961	2	38	11	10	7	28	5	7	8	50	69	44	55
Feb. 12, 1960	2	32	9	10	6	21	5	7	8	60	57	28	50
Slaughter cows													
Feb. 10, 1961	4	9	9	7	11	6	27	12	25	20	21	18	15
Feb. 3, 1961	4	8	8	7	10	4	32	10	22	20	9	17	15
Feb. 12, 1960	6	6	7	6	10	6	27	10	20	15	7	13	20

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Feb. 9 1961	Feb. 11 1960	Feb. 9 1961	Feb. 11 1960	Feb. 9 1961	Feb. 11 1960	Feb. 9 1961	Feb. 11 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	5,626	4,313	20.0	14.1	1,229	1,250	27.84	28.28
Choice.....	15,408	19,790	54.9	64.8	1,172	1,188	26.45	26.56
Good.....	5,870	4,976	20.9	16.3	1,153	1,096	24.64	24.85
Standard.....	897	1,204	3.2	3.9	1,045	1,034	22.19	22.23
Commercial.....	24	31	.1	.2	1,598	1,651	22.38	21.11
Utility.....	248	213	.9	.7	1,029	1,074	19.51	19.07
All grades.....	28,073	30,527			1,175	1,176	26.19	26.36
OMAHA								
Prime.....	162	204	.9	1.1	1,225	1,127	27.00	27.73
Choice.....	7,251	7,118	40.3	37.9	1,189	1,190	25.52	25.63
Good.....	9,540	10,368	53.1	55.1	1,151	1,156	24.25	23.86
Standard.....	781	916	4.3	4.9	1,099	1,056	21.20	20.55
Utility.....	245	190	1.4	1.0	1,045	1,077	19.64	17.68
All grades.....	17,979	18,796			1,164	1,163	24.62	24.38
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	65	377	.6	3.2	1,228	1,219	27.99	27.98
Choice.....	7,282	5,742	62.8	48.4	1,177	1,157	25.87	26.39
Good.....	3,776	5,158	32.5	43.5	1,129	1,149	24.33	24.38
Standard.....	478	353	4.1	3.0	1,129	1,122	20.82	20.46
Utility.....	--	223	--	1.9	--	1,062	--	17.87
All grades.....	11,601	11,853			1,159	1,153	25.19	25.25
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	914	4,326	13.8	49.5	1,191	1,151	25.43	25.06
Good.....	4,939	3,104	74.5	35.6	1,082	1,115	24.07	23.65
Standard.....	728	1,205	11.0	13.8	1,124	1,065	21.28	21.92
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	47	100	.7	1.1	938	990	18.99	18.13
All grades.....	6,628	8,735			1,101	1,125	23.93	24.08
ST. LOUIS MSY								
Prime.....	2	3	.1	.0	1,045	803	28.00	28.00
Choice.....	846	1,655	12.7	26.2	1,092	1,048	26.22	25.92
Good.....	4,415	3,480	66.5	55.1	1,056	1,060	24.65	24.08
Standard.....	1,282	1,069	19.3	17.0	1,003	1,014	21.92	21.24
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	95	108	1.4	1.7	847	876	18.41	17.89
All grades.....	6,640	6,315			1,047	1,046	24.29	23.99
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,755	2,543	23.8	30.7	1,149	1,129	25.80	25.30
Good.....	5,176	4,662	70.2	56.2	1,121	1,113	24.17	23.53
Standard.....	417	1,053	5.7	12.7	1,092	1,087	20.52	20.59
Utility.....	23	36	.3	.4	967	972	18.30	16.90
All grades.....	7,371	8,294			1,126	1,114	24.35	23.69
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,561	1,376	69.9	51.9	1,172	1,234	25.56	25.13
Good.....	643	1,182	28.8	44.5	1,165	1,164	24.35	24.00
Standard.....	29	96	1.3	3.6	1,060	1,124	20.44	18.30
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	2,233	2,654			1,168	1,199	25.16	24.41

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	15,960	13,093	13.6	10.8	1,243	1,251	28.79	28.07
Choice.....	69,546	77,849	59.2	64.1	1,180	1,191	27.42	26.42
Good.....	27,553	25,094	23.4	20.6	1,158	1,119	25.59	24.74
Standard.....	2,984	4,542	2.5	3.7	1,032	1,033	23.07	22.45
Commercial.....	457	277	.4	.3	1,506	1,540	22.89	21.67
Utility.....	1,091	635	.9	.5	1,033	1,027	20.24	19.09
All grades.....	117,591	121,490			1,180	1,176	27.02	26.10
OMAHA								
Prime.....	923	703	1.1	1.0	1,187	1,152	27.48	27.26
Choice.....	38,958	31,544	46.7	43.3	1,182	1,171	26.02	25.63
Good.....	39,498	36,719	47.4	50.4	1,154	1,160	24.49	23.67
Standard.....	3,364	3,146	4.0	4.3	1,133	1,096	21.32	20.12
Utility.....	634	714	.8	1.0	1,027	1,086	19.93	17.85
All grades.....	83,377	72,826			1,166	1,161	25.09	24.36
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	1,307	966	2.5	2.1	1,194	1,197	27.77	27.20
Choice.....	31,780	29,003	60.7	61.8	1,176	1,162	26.41	25.74
Good.....	17,497	15,292	33.4	32.6	1,151	1,116	24.88	23.95
Standard.....	1,666	1,428	3.2	3.0	1,091	1,090	21.56	21.00
Utility.....	116	251	.2	.5	1,040	1,081	20.10	18.49
All grades.....	52,366	46,940			1,165	1,145	25.78	25.03
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	50	84	.1	.2	1,151	1,122	27.83	28.00
Choice.....	5,233	12,278	15.0	37.8	1,119	1,178	26.34	25.02
Good.....	25,579	16,913	73.0	52.1	1,122	1,130	24.46	23.20
Standard.....	3,971	2,797	11.3	8.6	1,076	1,079	21.43	21.04
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	213	409	.6	1.3	1,024	1,118	18.90	17.92
All grades.....	35,046	32,481			1,116	1,144	24.38	23.68
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	38	3	.1	--	1,005	973	28.00	27.25
Choice.....	6,659	3,075	21.7	13.7	1,098	1,084	26.38	25.75
Good.....	18,522	13,931	60.3	61.9	1,073	1,063	24.80	24.22
Standard.....	4,827	4,999	15.7	22.2	994	1,049	22.25	21.35
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	686	509	2.2	2.2	901	886	19.00	18.26
All grades.....	30,732	22,517			1,062	1,059	24.67	23.69
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	40	--	.1	--	1,164	--	28.09
Choice.....	11,674	9,824	32.4	33.2	1,150	1,141	25.90	25.43
Good.....	22,452	16,101	62.2	54.3	1,127	1,137	24.37	23.56
Standard.....	1,948	3,492	5.4	11.8	1,093	1,070	20.88	20.81
Utility.....	--	173	--	.6	--	998	--	17.26
All grades.....	36,074	29,630			1,133	1,130	24.69	23.85
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	6,081	5,400	71.6	51.8	1,191	1,224	25.91	25.36
Good.....	2,177	4,754	25.6	45.6	1,126	1,164	24.35	24.10
Standard.....	201	223	2.4	2.1	1,052	1,122	20.00	19.02
Utility.....	33	55	.4	.5	875	1,004	18.28	17.60
All grades.....	8,492	10,432			1,170	1,193	25.37	24.64

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960
Prime	18,278	14,889	5.0	4.4	1,236	1,242	28.65	27.98
Choice	169,931	168,973	46.7	50.3	1,173	1,178	26.68	25.95
Good	153,278	128,804	42.2	38.3	1,135	1,130	24.75	23.91
Standard	18,961	20,627	5.2	6.1	1,061	1,064	21.79	21.21
Commercial ...	457	277	.1	.1	1,507	1,540	22.89	21.67
Utility	2,773	2,746	.8	.8	997	1,032	19.76	18.23
All grades ...	363,678	336,316			1,153	1,154	25.70	24.95

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960
Prime	3,015	2,919	2.2	2.3	1,011	1,030	27.44	26.87
Choice	67,282	55,324	48.1	43.9	973	966	25.89	25.48
Good	58,804	55,726	42.1	44.2	921	913	24.22	23.64
Standard	8,569	10,400	6.1	8.2	867	867	21.21	20.43
Utility	2,051	1,790	1.5	1.4	914	899	18.34	17.45
All grades	139,721	126,159			944	935	24.87	24.23

SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT FIVE SPECIFIED MARKETS 1/
STEERS

Market	Number of head		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month					
	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960
Cincinnati	3,362	3,383	1,067	1,036	24.25	23.17
Indianapolis	16,346	15,206	1,051	1,068	25.13	24.67
Fort Worth	2,940	5,131	956	968	23.60	22.06
Oklahoma City	3,379	4,569	1,111	1,079	24.19	22.80
Sioux Falls	9,800	10,115	1,168	1,133	25.50	24.60

HEIFERS

Market	Number of head		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month					
	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1960
Cincinnati	2,646	2,614	751	753	23.41	22.98
Indianapolis	4,044	3,633	869	855	24.28	23.72
Fort Worth	1,788	2,449	670	642	23.44	22.95
Oklahoma City	1,838	2,997	869	843	24.37	22.44
Sioux Falls	7,864	6,837	983	954	24.47	23.46

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 11	Feb. 13
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area...	12,212	11,942	8,145	8,513	44,977	51,605	41,064	42,750
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	7,806	7,731	1,892	1,607	30,385	29,097	4,681	4,292
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	18,720	18,352	3,922	3,601	129,689	145,928	14,617	14,018
Chicago Area.....	17,220	17,083	6,601	5,970	43,457	32,415	6,314	5,259
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	28,202	27,672	20,912	19,975	97,938	127,595	21,584	15,998
St. Louis Area.....	10,693	10,781	1,547	1,348	67,746	84,408	5,649	5,209
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	21,867	23,358	--	--	94,085	105,030	14,686	16,436
Omaha Area.....	36,798	36,273	161	66	79,312	78,704	19,382	16,029
Kansas City.....	15,336	14,348	--	--	32,672	44,599	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	30,343	28,288	9,145	9,079	284,379	285,786	43,599	30,302
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's....	5,580	6,107	2,302	3,414	57,357	66,426	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	8,967	6,279	5,166	2,705	30,189	33,005	--	--
St. Jo'ph, Wichita, Okla. City.	19,590	19,648	831	1,064	45,089	49,241	12,165	8,305
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio..	9,200	8,487	3,627	3,625	14,204	17,228	14,052	12,487
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City..	20,127	19,153	177	255	14,836	20,126	29,402	29,182
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	26,791	26,173	1,064	1,061	24,619	28,808	28,119	29,269
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	7,059	6,874	232	247	17,627	18,678	4,967	4,117
Total.....	296,511	288,549	65,724	62,530	1,108,561	1,218,679	260,281	233,653
	1,802,884		402,591		6,675,997		1,567,630	
Accumulation to date.....		1,863,024		424,452		8,049,604		1,596,651

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total	Total
	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	meat	lard
	ber	mil.lb.	ber	mil.lb.	ber	mil.lb.	ber	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Feb. 11, 1961	365	220.5	95	10.6	1,295	181.0	290	14.5	426.6	--
Feb. 4, 1961	360	217.4	100	11.2	1,200	166.3	275	13.8	408.7	--
Jan. 21, 1961 1/	385	--	93	--	1,358	--	285	--	--	44.1
Feb. 13, 1960 1/	348	210.6	89	10.2	1,384	185.4	254	12.8	419.0	43.2

Percentage change from:

Feb. 4, 1961	2	1	-5	-5	8	9	5	5	4	--
Feb. 13, 1960	5	5	7	4	-6	-2	14	13	2	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs <u>2/</u>		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Feb. 11, 1961	1060	604	200	112	241	140	104	50	--
Feb. 4, 1961	1060	604	200	112	241	139	104	50	--
Jan. 21, 1961	1065	607	200	112	244	140	103	50	--
Feb. 13, 1960	1058	605	199	115	230	134	104	50	13.6

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	11	13	11	13	11	13	11	13	11	13
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	27.95	28.40	--	--	27.52	28.00	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	27.70	28.40	--	--	27.20	27.85	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	26.75	27.22	26.08	26.18	26.35	26.62	25.85	25.98	25.50	26.38
1100-1300	25.80	26.82	25.88	26.05	25.98	26.12	25.85	25.52	24.62	25.50
Good 900-1100	24.50	24.85	24.00	23.80	24.00	23.70	23.05	22.44	23.69	24.88
Standard - All wts.	21.92	21.92	20.80	20.95	21.00	20.12	20.00	18.95	20.69	22.25
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	25.70	26.48	25.00	25.48	25.72	26.48	24.88	25.62	--	24.50
Good 600-800	--	--	23.01	22.90	23.72	23.55	22.62	22.50	21.88	23.00
Standard - All wts.	21.20	20.52	19.75	19.88	20.62	19.75	19.50	19.00	19.25	20.75
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	16.38	15.70	16.80	16.30	16.62	15.90	--	17.25	16.75	--
Utility	16.25	15.32	16.00	14.92	16.00	15.05	15.75	15.88	14.75	15.44
Cutter	15.62	14.88	15.25	14.60	15.12	13.92	13.75	14.25	13.25	12.62
Canner	14.22	13.60	14.35	13.52	14.12	13.22	12.75	13.12	11.75	10.44
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	19.92	21.20	17.75	19.00	18.25	19.25	--	--	--	20.75
Utility	19.98	20.20	18.00	18.75	18.32	18.75	18.50	19.50	19.50	21.25
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	23.75	24.75	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	21.75	23.25	--	--	--	--	23.50	25.50
Standard	--	--	19.75	20.25	--	--	--	--	20.00	22.50
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	28.60	30.50	28.00	28.85	26.50	25.50	--	--	30.00	31.50
Good	25.90	29.00	25.00	25.75	23.50	23.75	--	--	27.50	29.00
Standard	21.70	25.40	21.00	22.00	20.25	20.75	--	--	23.50	25.00
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.98	27.75	26.25	26.62	26.75	26.75	25.88	26.00	24.50	24.50
Good 500-800	24.60	25.25	23.75	24.50	24.38	24.25	24.00	24.00	23.00	23.50
Medium 500-1000	21.50	21.75	20.00	20.75	21.25	20.25	21.25	21.00	20.00	20.00
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.25	24.00	24.25	24.38	24.25	23.50	--	23.25
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.00	19.75	20.75	21.50	21.50	21.25	19.00	20.00
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	15.50	16.00	15.50	13.75	16.50	--	--	15.00
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	27.50	28.45	29.25	30.00	29.50	30.00	25.00	26.25
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	24.25	26.00	25.25	27.00	27.00	27.25	22.50	24.75

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2	18.78	13.79	--	--	18.70	14.00	18.58	13.75	18.98	14.01	18.80	13.92	18.58	--	18.48	13.55
200-220	18.93	14.08	18.17	--	18.70	14.01	18.92	14.38	19.02	14.02	18.95	14.22	18.61	13.93	18.52	13.72
220-240	18.68	14.02	18.15	--	18.60	13.91	18.92	14.38	18.87	13.88	18.95	14.23	18.60	--	18.25	13.55
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	18.46	13.71	17.88	--	18.39	13.65	18.42	13.85	18.54	13.58	18.38	13.70	18.30	13.68	18.15	13.28
220-240	18.40	13.65	17.88	--	18.28	13.52	18.35	13.85	18.42	13.56	18.38	13.70	18.30	13.65	17.90	13.12
240-270	18.15	13.43	17.28	--	17.97	13.10	17.98	13.55	18.04	13.20	18.15	13.54	18.08	13.30	17.55	12.78
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	18.50	13.58	17.32	12.52	18.53	13.78	18.30	13.45	18.72	13.75	18.48	13.62	18.43	13.55	18.30	13.25
200-220	18.68	13.94	17.99	13.05	18.53	13.78	18.55	14.12	18.78	13.78	18.55	13.81	18.43	13.92	18.30	13.50
220-240	18.55	13.84	17.98	12.85	18.37	13.68	18.55	14.12	18.64	13.72	18.54	13.80	18.43	13.84	18.85	13.35
240-270	18.30	13.58	17.34	12.45	18.08	13.32	18.12	13.72	18.25	13.36	18.34	13.56	18.25	13.51	17.68	13.00
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3																
270-330	--	--	15.93	11.60	16.90	12.52	16.98	12.42	16.90	12.24	17.08	12.40	16.89	12.15	16.12	11.75
330-400	16.55	11.95	15.43	11.10	16.60	12.18	16.55	12.02	16.62	11.82	16.65	12.00	16.70	11.80	15.65	11.35
400-550	15.70	11.30	14.63	10.07	15.90	11.43	16.18	11.75	16.04	11.25	15.98	11.40	16.30	11.38	15.02	10.90
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Classification	South		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North	
	St. Paul	St. Paul	Sioux City	Sioux City	Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	Thomasville	Thomasville	Baltimore	Baltimore	North	North
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2	18.62	13.30	18.34	13.38	--	--	18.74	13.60	--	--	18.15	13.70	19.83	15.25	20.25	15.66
180-200#	18.62	14.00	18.64	14.06	18.48	13.82	18.88	13.78	--	--	18.15	13.70	19.84	15.25	20.25	15.66
200-220	18.50	14.00	18.64	14.04	18.48	13.81	18.63	13.61	--	--	18.15	13.70	--	--	20.12	15.28
220-240																
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	18.12	13.42	18.38	13.78	18.22	13.55	18.71	13.70	18.47	13.51	17.42	13.08	--	14.38	19.38	--
220-240	18.00	13.38	18.36	13.78	18.15	13.50	18.46	13.50	18.41	13.06	17.42	13.08	19.25	14.12	19.00	--
240-270	17.62	13.05	18.15	13.59	17.80	13.12	18.10	13.10	18.16	12.84	16.62	12.58	18.62	14.00	18.75	--
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	18.12	13.02	18.30	13.32	--	--	18.55	13.58	18.28	--	17.55	13.20	19.67	15.09	--	14.94
200-220	18.12	13.55	18.51	13.87	18.36	13.68	18.73	13.70	18.56	13.44	17.55	13.20	19.75	15.09	--	14.94
220-240	18.00	13.50	18.47	13.87	18.36	13.65	18.50	13.57	18.22	13.25	17.55	13.20	19.50	14.88	--	14.50
240-270	17.62	--	18.30	13.68	17.90	13.18	18.12	13.14	18.28	13.00	--	--	--	--	--	13.88
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3																
270-330	16.52	12.08	16.75	--	--	11.98	15.98	11.88	15.75	11.62	13.15	9.58	--	--	16.50	12.75
330-400	16.10	11.70	16.61	12.12	16.28	11.75	15.65	11.42	15.12	10.88	12.65	9.20	--	--	16.00	12.00
400-550	15.68	11.25	16.05	11.65	15.40	11.25	15.30	10.85	14.75	10.19	11.90	8.45	--	--	14.50	11.25
Feeder pigs - All wts.																
Good and Choice	17.25	11.15	17.34	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 11, 1961	18.30	18.32	18.31	18.18	18.06	18.33	17.89	18.54	18.22
	Feb. 4, 1961	18.05	18.14	18.28	18.10	18.08	18.22	17.69	18.20	18.06
	Feb. 13, 1960	13.51	13.50	13.48	13.57	13.54	13.60	13.31	13.70	13.51
Sows	Feb. 11, 1961	15.60	16.00	16.28	16.25	16.08	16.23	15.80	16.01	16.01
	Feb. 4, 1961	15.19	15.28	15.47	15.74	15.62	15.78	15.22	15.40	15.45
	Feb. 13, 1960	11.29	11.64	11.53	11.73	11.65	11.76	11.31	11.19	11.50
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 11, 1961	236	221	232	244	248	232	232	225	233
	Feb. 4, 1961	237	220	230	243	242	232	231	227	232
	Feb. 13, 1960	232	215	227	237	240	221	228	222	227
Sows	Feb. 11, 1961	454	413	434	452	448	427	430	452	438
	Feb. 4, 1961	454	414	444	452	455	434	421	463	441
	Feb. 13, 1960	450	406	442	438	442	392	423	424	426
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 11, 1961	22904	47373	12715	33255	29082	19393	41134	29461	235317
	Feb. 4, 1961	22436	40762	12857	32387	29429	18069	36939	25143	218022
	Feb. 13, 1960	24282	59038	18479	35280	35635	23720	51203	34133	281770
Sows	Feb. 11, 1961	2435	3892	914	3392	2462	1431	2580	2497	19603
	Feb. 4, 1961	2629	3495	878	3243	2491	1454	2378	2426	18994
	Feb. 13, 1960	2410	4232	681	2852	2067	1034	2798	2416	18490
SOWS		Percentage of total								
		Feb. 11, 1961	10	8	7	9	8	7	6	8
		Feb. 4, 1961	10	8	6	9	8	7	6	8
		Feb. 13, 1960	9	7	4	7	5	4	5	6

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Feb. 11, 1961	\$20.61	\$18.68	\$1.93
Feb. 4, 1961	20.10	18.60	1.50
Feb. 13, 1960	15.73	13.94	1.79

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Feb. 11, 1961	18.30	114.3	16.0
Feb. 4, 1961	18.05	113.8	15.9
Feb. 13, 1960	13.51	113.4	11.9

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading for greasy domestic wools was rather slow at the Boston market. Fine wools held about steady. A substantial volume of scoured and greasy pulled wools were sold at firm prices. Noils sold about steady. Activity in the Territory states was confined mostly to range sales in Arizona while a part of the staple end of the Sonora, Texas clip was moved and some 8 months wool was sold. Occasional small lots of Medium fleeces were sold in the midwest.

Midweek cables from Australia showed keen general competition with Japan the principal operator and prices about 2-3¢ higher. Japan continued to buy Medium wools in New Zealand. There was keen competition in South Africa with short wools 3-4¢ higher and combing wools very firm. American buyers were active in Montevideo purchasing 60s and finer grades as prices advanced 2-3¢. There was some interest in greasy Argentine carpet wools with prices about 2¢ higher.

Fleece Wools - A mixed car of 1960 bright Medium fleeces sold at an estimated clean cost of 96¢-\$1.00 for 56/58s and 92¢-95¢ for 50/54s delivered East. Early barn shearing continued in Ohio and other sections of the midwest.

Territory Wools - Graded Territory 64s good French combing and staple wools sold at \$1.13 clean basis while average French combing 64s moved at \$1.05. A Choice clip of bulk 64/70s good French combing and staple wool sold in Arizona at 39¢ grease basis, f.o.b., and was estimated to cost about \$1.10 clean basis, delivered Boston.

Texas Wools - Trading in spot Texas wools was slow but approximately 150,000# of graded staple wool sold in Sonora at an estimated clean cost of \$1.20-1.23 delivered Boston while 8 months wool at 50¢ grease basis f.o.b. was estimated around \$1.10 delivered.

Mohair - Occasional small clips of Spring mohair were contracted at 91½¢ for adult and \$1.21½ for kid hair. Trading for mohair at the Boston market was very limited.

Foreign Wools - Foreign wool quotations at week's end follow, with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

South Africa	
Oil-combed	Scoured yields
7 - \$1.05	17 - \$1.01
8 - 1.04	22 - 1.00
12 - 1.03	27 - .99
47 - 1.03	32 - .94
48 - 1.01	33 - .92
52 - 1.01	
53 - .99	

Australia		New Zealand	
Oil-combed		Oil-combed	
77b - \$1.07	442 - \$1.00	93 - 88¢	
78b - 1.05	423 - .97	834- 87¢	
78ab- 1.03	424 - .94	100- 83¢	
79b - 1.01	425 - .87	107- 82¢	
		114- 82¢	
		128- 80¢	

Carpet Wools - Trading for spot carpet wools was dull. Cabled reports from all foreign carpet wool countries showed much stronger quotations. Buenos Aires November second clip wools were priced around 75-76¢ and fleeces about 78-79¢ while New Zealand carpet fleeces were quoted around 78¢ all clean fibers present for shipment. Spot greasy pulled choice Argentine carpet slipes 2-3" sold at 72¢ clean basis.

Montevideo Super Skirted: 60/64s - 91¢, 60s - 88¢, 60/58s - 86¢, 58/56s - 85¢, 56/50s - 83¢.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Puled Domestic

64s 1½-2½" ch. wh.	\$1.21-1.25
60s 2-3" ch. wh.	1.12
58s ave. 1½" lambs wh.	.95
56/58s shearlings wh.	.72
56s 2-3" ch. wh.	\$1.05
48s 2-3" ch. wh.	1.00
48s 2-3" stained	.95

Greasy Puled Domestic

(Clean basis)

50/56s 3"&up def.	\$.96
Shank wool	.71-.72

Scoured Puled Foreign

N. Z. 56/58s 2½-3" wh.	\$1.12
N. Z. 56s 2-3" white	1.15
Aust. 56s 2-3" white	1.15

Scoured Shorn Foreign

Aust. 62s 1-2" white	\$1.20
Aust. 58/60s Lox & pieces	\$.90-.91
Aust. 56s 1-2" crutchings	\$.93

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Feb. 9, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the New York Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops -	\$1.508
May wool tops -	1.510
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
March wool -	\$1.157
May wool -	1.176
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Added blankets of snow along the Eastern Seaboard hampered movement and clearance of meats. Supplies in many instances arrived at market centers far behind schedule. Inability of meat buyers to engage in market activity in normal fashion, and the fact that business was restricted in virtually all consumer channels adversely affected movement of meats. Early trading at Washington, was quite active, but slow after mid-week under additional snow in that area. Other markets were active on the closing sessions, following extreme dullness early. Receipts of beef and lamb were normal, with lamb more than adequate for the current demand in some instances. Veal and calf supplies were mostly moderate, and pork about normal. Beef and lamb chuck cuts met broad outlets at Philadelphia and New York, but ribs and loins were very hard to move, due to sharp decrease in tonnage absorbed by hotel and restaurant outlets. Some beef and lamb was unsold at Washington and New York along with a carryover of beef hinds and ribs at Philadelphia.

Steer beef closed steady to \$1.00 lower, with sales at New York at the full decline; cow beef steady to \$2.00 higher; veal and calf mostly steady to \$2.00 higher; lamb mostly steady, instances 50¢ higher at New York and some weakness at Washington. Pork loins closed steady to \$4.00 higher, bulk around \$2.00 up; other pork cuts steady to \$2.00 higher, except fresh skinned hams at Baltimore and New York, steady to \$1.00 lower.

Prices for kosher steer forequarters closed steady to mostly 50¢ lower; lamb \$1.00-3.00 up. Prices on veal and calf were unchanged.

CHICAGO - Supplies of beef and lamb were about normal. Bulk of the steer beef graded Choice. Veal offerings remained small. Fresh pork supplies were moderate. Carcass beef trade was only moderately active at best and prices were steady to weak. Action on chucks and rounds was fair at the outset, but slow on the close. Loins and particularly ribs over 30# were hard to move. Prices on veal declined for the first time since early November with supplies small. Trading on lamb was slow early in the period, but moderately active by mid-week. A fair demand prevailed for fresh pork cuts on each session.

Steer beef closed steady to 50¢ lower; veal \$1.00-3.00 lower; lamb fully steady; pork loins \$2.00-3.00 higher; Boston butts 4-8# \$1.00 higher; spareribs 3# down fully steady.

PACIFIC COAST - Supplies of steer beef were moderate with trading generally slow. The supply of Choice beef was about in balance with the demand, while Good was excessive. Cow beef was in moderate supply with demand only fair. Trading on normal supplies of calf and veal was slow in California and moderately active in the northwest. Lamb was plentiful with some carryover of 55-65# carcasses in California. Trading was generally slow on a generous volume of pork, except fresh pork fairly active in the northwest.

Steer beef sold steady to \$1.00 lower, most decline in the northwest; cow beef firm to \$1.00 higher in California, but steady to weak in the northwest. Calf and veal was steady to weak in California and strong to \$1.00 higher in the northwest. Lamb closed weak to \$1.00 lower, most decline in California; fresh pork firm to \$2.00 higher, most upturn in San Francisco; smoked and cured pork mostly steady, but instances \$1.00 lower on hams in the northwest.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Supplies were normal on all classes of fresh meats with demand rather poor on beef, but moderately good on lamb and pork. Clearance was only fair on steer beef but complete on other classes.

Steer and cow beef closed steady to 50¢ lower with Choice 700-800# steer carcasses 50¢-\$1.00 off. Heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ higher. Lamb was 75¢-\$1.50 higher; pork loins \$2.00-3.00 higher; Boston butts \$1.00 higher; fresh hams steady to \$1.00 higher. Pork sides were steady to 10¢ higher.

Choice 600-700# steer beef closed at \$42.00-43.00; 700-800# \$40.25-41.00, few carlots \$41.50; Good 600-700# \$39.00-40.50; 700-800# \$38.00-40.00. Choice 500-700# heifer beef closed at \$40.00-41.00, few carlots \$41.50; Good mostly \$38.00-39.50. Utility cow beef mostly \$29.50-31.00. Choice and Prime 45-55# lamb carcasses \$34.75-37.50, mostly \$34.75-36.25. Pork loins 8-12# \$43.50-45.00; fresh hams 12-14# \$41.50-43.00, 14-16# \$39.50-40.50; Boston butts 4-8# \$33.50-35.00. U. S. 1, 2 and 3, 135-155# pork carcasses \$26.25-27.05; 155-175# \$25.90-26.90.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Trading for most classes of fresh meats was moderately active with supplies about normal, except at eastern centers where additional snow interrupted normal trading. Steer beef closed steady to \$1.00 lower; heifer beef steady to 50¢ higher; cow beef steady to 50¢ higher, except 25-50¢ lower at Philadelphia. Lamb sold mostly 50¢-\$1.50 higher. Pork loins were \$1.00-2.00 higher.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Feb.11	Feb.13	Feb.11	Feb.13	Feb.11	Feb.13	Feb.11	Feb.13
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	45.60	48.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	46.10	45.75	45.62	45.00	41.75	43.75	41.44	43.00
	700-800	44.72	43.75	43.88	43.25	40.25	41.50	40.00	41.00
Good	500-600	43.10	42.75	43.50	41.38	41.00	43.50	40.50	42.00
	600-700	43.85	43.25	43.50	41.38	39.25	41.50	39.25	40.00
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	43.50	44.38	40.00	42.50	41.00	42.75
	600-700	--	--	43.50	43.88	39.50	41.50	40.00	41.00
Good	500-600	--	--	41.75	40.38	--	--	39.50	41.00
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	65.00	64.50	63.25	58.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	57.50	53.50	58.50	53.50	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	51.50	47.50	53.00	50.00	53.00	55.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	40.20	42.80	38.50	--	39.50	--	40.00	42.00
Choice	45-55	39.70	40.20	38.50	40.50	39.50	42.75	40.00	42.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	49.90	39.00	46.62	37.19	51.50	42.00	46.50	39.88
Butts	4-8	38.70	33.30	36.62	29.19	41.38	34.50	40.50	34.50
Spareribs	3# down	43.50	38.00	39.50	35.50	46.25	39.00	42.62	38.00
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	47.00	40.00	51.00	46.75	50.50	50.00	46.50	45.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		50.50	36.50	55.50	42.75	57.25	41.00	54.00	43.00
Picnics, smoked -(Cook before eating)	4-8#	32.50	30.50	35.50	32.75	31.75	30.00	33.50	30.00
Lard, 1# carton		16.25	12.25	15.75	11.50	17.50	15.50	17.34	13.75

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED FEB. 10, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	42.50-43.50	42.00-42.50	42.25-42.50	44.00-45.00	44.50-45.50
	700-800	41.00-41.50	40.50-41.00	40.25-40.75	43.00-44.00	43.00-44.00
	800-900	40.00-40.50	39.50-40.00	39.25-39.50	41.50-42.50	41.50-42.50
Good	500-600	40.00-41.00	--	--	42.00-43.50	--
	600-700	40.00-41.00	37.50-40.00	39.25-40.25	42.00-43.00	41.00-42.50
	700-800	39.50-40.50	37.50-40.00	38.25-39.25	41.50-42.00	40.00-42.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	41.50-41.75	41.00-42.00	40.50-40.75	--	--
	600-700	41.50-41.75	40.00-40.25	40.50-40.75	--	43.00-44.00
Good	500-600	39.00-39.50	--	38.25-38.75	--	--
	600-700	39.00-39.50	--	38.25-38.75	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		30.50-31.00	39.75-31.00	29.50-30.50	--	32.50-33.00
Canner and Cutter		31.50-32.00	--	30.50-30.75	--	32.50-33.00
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	38.00-39.00	35.50-36.00	36.25-37.75	39.00-41.00	39.50-40.50
	45-55	36.00-37.00	34.00-35.00	34.75-35.75	37.00-39.00	37.00-38.50
	55-65	33.00-34.00	32.00-33.00	32.25-33.25	35.00-36.00	32.50-34.00
Choice	35-45	38.00-39.00	35.50-36.00	36.25-37.75	39.00-41.00	39.50-40.50
	45-55	36.00-37.00	34.00-35.00	34.75-35.75	37.00-39.00	37.00-38.50
	55-65	33.00-34.00	32.00-33.00	32.25-33.25	35.00-36.00	32.50-34.00
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	44.50-45.00	--	43.50-44.00	--	45.50-46.50



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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down								
Prime	Feb. 11, 1961	18.75	--	18.08	--	--	18.00	--
	Feb. 13, 1960	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	Feb. 11, 1961	18.12	17.60	17.10	16.75	17.60	17.25	17.88
	Feb. 13, 1960	21.02	20.35	20.25	18.30	20.10	19.25	19.62
Good	Feb. 11, 1961	16.72	16.60	16.35	16.38	16.62	16.50	17.00
	Feb. 13, 1960	20.22	19.82	19.12	17.90	19.45	18.50	19.00
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and	Feb. 11, 1961	6.45	6.30	6.25	--	6.88	4.50	4.50
Choice	Feb. 13, 1960	7.25	5.88	6.50	--	6.40	5.75	6.25
Cull and	Feb. 11, 1961	6.15	5.32	6.25	7.50*	5.25	3.25	3.00
Utility	Feb. 13, 1960	6.38	4.25	5.25	7.25*	4.78	4.00	4.50
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.								
Good and	Feb. 11, 1961	--	17.00	--	16.02	17.12	16.00	16.50
Choice	Feb. 13, 1960	--	19.25	--	17.00	19.18	--	17.59

*Shorn basis.